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<b>Office Action Summary</b>	<b>Application No.</b>	<b>Applicant(s)</b>
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**Period for Reply**

**A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.**

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If the period for reply specified above is less than thirty (30) days, a reply within the statutory minimum of thirty (30) days will be considered timely.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133).
- Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

**Status**

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on Amendment filed on 03/26/03.
- 2a) This action is FINAL.      2b) This action is non-final.
- 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

**Disposition of Claims**

- 4) Claim(s) 20,26,36,39-41,44 and 45 is/are pending in the application.
  - 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) Claim(s) 20, 26, 36, 39, 40, 41, 44 and 45 is/are rejected.
- 7) Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 8) Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

**Application Papers**

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) The drawing(s) filed on \_\_\_\_\_ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
 

Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- 11) The proposed drawing correction filed on \_\_\_\_\_ is: a) approved b) disapproved by the Examiner.
 

If approved, corrected drawings are required in reply to this Office action.
- 12) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

**Priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119 and 120**

- 13) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
  - a) All b) Some \* c) None of:
    1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
    2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
    3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.
- 14) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) (to a provisional application).
  - a) The translation of the foreign language provisional application has been received.
- 15) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and/or 121.

**Attachment(s)**

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***DETAILED ACTION***

***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102***

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention thereof by the applicant for patent, or on an international application by another who has fulfilled the requirements of paragraphs (1), (2), and (4) of section 371(c) of this title before the invention thereof by the applicant for patent.

The changes made to 35 U.S.C. 102(e) by the American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA) do not apply to the examination of this application as the application being examined was not (1) filed on or after November 29, 2000, or (2) voluntarily published under 35 U.S.C. 122(b). Therefore, this application is examined under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) prior to the amendment by the AIPA (pre-AIPA 35 U.S.C. 102(e)).

Claims 20, 26, 36, 39, 40, 44 and 45 are rejected under 35 USC 102(e) as being anticipated by **Matsuyama** (US Pat. No. 6,567,177 B2).

In claims 20 and 26, **Matsuyama** discloses, in Fig.27, a user (a source node), at step S1, requests to send an image file (segment data) to an image server (a destination node) for registering (for storing the segment data). See col.31, lines 20-22. At step S15, user informs image server of the file size to be transmitted (step S14); and requests image server to check remaining memory amount. See col.31, line 65 to col.32, line 10. At step S16, image server checks the remaining memory amount (preparation for receiving segment data). See col.32, lines 10-14. At step S17, image server (destination node) informs the user about its remaining memory amount (notifies information about a size of receiving buffer to the source node) which is equal

or greater than the size of required image file. See col.32, lines 14-20. At step S20, user sends the requested image file, to be registered at step S21, in the image server (after a preparation for receiving segment data, sending segment data to the destination node for registering). See col.32, lines 47-55. From description shown in Fig.1, user 101 (source node) is connected with image server 102 (destination node) via a transmission bus (a logical connection between a source node and a destination node). See Fig.1.

In claims 36 and 41, **Matsuyama** discloses, in Fig.1, there are another connection line (a logical connection) between the client device and a print controller (another controller) (the logical connection is different from a logical connection set by another controller). See Fig.1.

In claims 39 and 44, **Matsuyama** discloses, in Fig.18, the client 101 comprising document editing application (source node comprising a data communicating unit). Fig.20 shows structures of image server that comprises a network interface 3004 (destination node comprises a data communicating unit). See col.10, lines 60-64.

In claims 40 and 45, **Matsuyama** discloses, in Fig.27, the file that is transmitted from client to image server is image data (segment data includes one of image data and audio data). See col.31, lines 20-25.

#### *Response to Arguments*

Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 20, 26, 36, 39, 40, 41, 44 and 45 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

***Conclusion***

Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the date of this final action.

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

Hamilton et al. (US Pat. No. 5987501) discloses Multimedia System having Server for Retrieving Media Data as Indicated In the List Provided By a Client Computer.

Lin (US Pat. No. 5,546,388) discloses Packet Switched Facsimile Network and Method of operation.

Campbell et al. (US Pat. No. 5,373,550) discloses Transmission of Check Images by way of a Public Switched telephone Network.

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Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Hanh Nguyen whose telephone number is 703 306-5445. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday 8:30 AM - 5:30PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Hassan Kizou can be reached on 703 306-4744. The fax phone numbers for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned are 703 872-9314 for regular communications and 703 308-9051 for After Final communications.

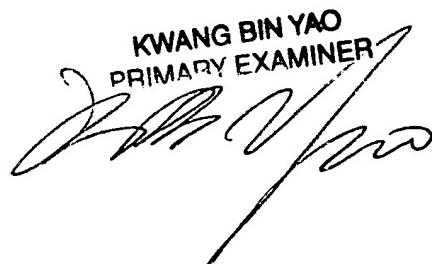
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